

CITY OF CARLSBAD - AGENDA BILL

AB# <u>17,120</u> MTG. <u>4-1-03</u> DEPT. <u>PW/GS</u>	TITLE: <p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN</p>	DEPT. HD. _____ CITY ATTY. <u>(Signature)</u> CITY MGR. <u>(Signature)</u>
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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2003-085 approving the Community Forest Management Plan and directing staff to implement said plan.

ITEM EXPLANATION:

On June 6, 2000, the City Council appropriated funds and directed staff to implement the Accessory Recommendations created by the Citizen Committee to Study the City's Tree Policy. The Committee felt that the Accessory Recommendations would enhance the tree policy for the entire City. One of the main recommendations was to create a Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP).

A CFMP is a document that will set guidelines on how to manage tree-related issues in a proactive manner. The plan will address public trees and will discuss planting, maintenance, removal, replacement and the preservation of public trees. The Plan will also help raise citizen awareness of the benefits of a healthy and diverse urban forest, proper tree selection and care. In addition, the Plan will include the remaining Accessory Recommendation items such as:

- Updating the City's tree list.
- Updating the City's Uniform Street Tree Planting Map.
- Replace old age trees.
- Removal of trees not in the City's right-of-way.
- Develop a Heritage Tree Program.
- Develop a Management and Rehabilitation Plan for Hosp Grove.

On February 20, 2001, Council awarded a contract to David Evans and Associates to assist staff with the development of the CFMP. In April 2002, a draft CFMP was completed and copies were made available at the Main and Cole Libraries for public review during the month of May. The CFMP was also available on the City's website. Attached, as Exhibit 2 is a copy of the announcement that was featured in the San Diego Union-Tribune Newspaper. In addition, staff notified the Citizen Committee that the CFMP is available for review (see Exhibit 3). During the review period, staff received suggestions from the public to add different tree species to the proposed tree list in the CFMP. Staff agreed with the suggestions and incorporated these changes into the Plan.

On May 13, 2002 the CFMP was presented to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and was supported by the commission. The HPC has been developing a comprehensive heritage tree program that will include how to manage and preserve heritage trees. When the Heritage Tree Program is complete, its findings and management recommendations will be made an addendum to the CFMP. On May 20, 2002 the CFMP was presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Commission unanimously accepted the Plan.

Staff is recommending that Council adopt the CFMP and direct staff to implement said Plan. If adopted, staff can begin implementing the Plan immediately. A representative from David Evans & Associates will be attending tonight's meeting to give a brief presentation about the CFMP.

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COUNCIL ACTION

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The potential environmental impacts associated with the Community Forest Management Plan were reviewed and a Mitigated Negative Declaration was issued on October 24, 2002 (please see Exhibit 4). The Mitigated Negative Declaration includes mitigations in the areas of biological resources, geological and soil resources, and hydrology and water quality. Given these measures the implementation of the proposed Community Forest Management Plan would not cause any significant environmental impacts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The CFMP includes an Operation Plan that identifies a list of priority projects recommended for completion and the estimated costs to complete said projects. Additionally, staff recommends installing an irrigation system in Hosp Grove to ensure the establishment of the newly planted trees. The following is a list of those projects and the estimated costs.

	<u>Total</u>
General Fund:	
Inventory and Software	\$ 45,000
Irrigation system	84,000
Public Education	8,000
Hosp Grove:	
Hosp Grove tree removal - \$10,000 per year for 4 years	40,000
Hosp Grove Replanting - \$20,000 per year for 15 years	<u>300,000</u>
Total General Fund	477,000
 Lighting and Landscaping District:	
Tree plantings - \$38,000 per year for 6 years	228,000
 Total (over 15 years)	 <u>\$705,000</u>

In addition, it will require about \$25,000 per year to maintain Hosp Grove, which includes the cost of water and minor maintenance costs. As indicated in the table, most of the costs will be borne by the General fund. The street tree replanting may be paid from the Street Tree Zone of the City's Lighting and Landscaping District if sufficient funds are available. Due to the passage of Proposition 218 several years ago, the City cannot raise the amount of the assessment without a vote of the property owners in the District. At this time, it is uncertain whether there will be sufficient revenue in the District to fund the additional costs. If the funds are not available, the only other source of revenue is the General fund. Staff is preparing forecasts for the Districts and will provide Council more information on their status later this year.

In 2000, Council appropriated \$234,000 to implement the Street Tree Policy citywide and the Accessory Recommendations from the Citizens Committee. An additional \$84,000 was appropriated in 2002 to provide for the irrigation system. To date, approximately \$85,000 has been spent on developing the plan, removing 51 trees and planting over 200 trees (an additional 800 trees were planted from the Street Tree assessment district budget). Approximately, \$233,000 in appropriations remains, which will be sufficient to finance the initial costs and the first 3 years of the Hosp Grove replanting program (through fiscal year '05). Future costs will be included in future year budgets as required to complete the program.

The costs for the Street Tree replanting will be included in the Street Tree assessment district budget each year, if funds are available. If there are not sufficient revenues, this will be brought back for Council review and direction during the budget process.

EXHIBITS:

1. Resolution No. 2003-085 approving the Community Forest Management Plan and directing staff to implement said plan.
2. CFMP Announcement Featured in the San Diego Union Tribune Newspaper.
3. Sample Notification to the Citizen Committee to Study the City's Tree Policy.
4. Mitigated Negative Declaration.

EXHIBIT 1

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-085

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD,
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2000, the City Council accepted the Final Report from the Citizens Committee to study street trees in Olde Carlsbad; and

WHEREAS, the Final Report from the Citizens Committee included the creation of a Community Forest Management Plan, hereafter referred to as the "Plan", that was part of the Accessory Recommendations list; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2000, the City Council appropriated funds to begin developing the Plan; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2001 the City Council awarded a contract to David Evans and Associates to assist the City in developing said Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2002, the completed Plan was presented and supported by the Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2002, the Plan was presented and accepted by the Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was available for public comments/suggestions at the Main and Cole Libraries, as well as on the City's website during the month of May; and

WHEREAS, the City received public comments/suggestions regarding the Plan; and

WHEREAS, staff has incorporated the changes into the Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2002, a Mitigated Negative Declaration was issued and it was determined that the Plan would not cause any significant environmental impacts to Hosp Grove; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient appropriations in the Fire and Parks Maintenance Department budgets to pay for the costs of the Plan for this year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the public best interest to achieve a safe and healthy community forest by adopting the proposed Community Forest Management Plan.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Carlsbad,
2 California, as follows:

- 3 1. That the above recitations are true and correct.
- 4 2. That the proposed Community Forest Management Plan as referenced hereto is
5 hereby approved.
- 6 3. That staff is hereby authorized and directed to proceed implementing the tasks
7 described in the Plan.

8 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Carlsbad City Council
9 held on the 1st day of APRIL, 2003 by the following vote, to wit:

10 AYES: Council Members Lewis, Finnilla, Kulchin, Hall, Packard

11 NOES: None

12 ABSENT: None

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CLAUDE A. LEWIS, Mayor

14 ATTEST:

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16 LORRAINE M. WOOD, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Tree-management plan available for review

UNION-TRIBUNE

CARLSBAD — Residents can view and comment on the city's proposed Community Forest Management Plan through the month of May.

It is available for public review at the city's Main Library, 1775 Dove Lane; at the Georgina Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive; and at the city Web site at www.ci.carlsbad.ca.us/cserv/cfmp.html.

The plan sets guidelines and procedures on how the city can plant, maintain, remove, re-

place and preserve public trees in the city's right of way.

The plan includes a revised tree-planting list; a program for replacing old trees and trees not in the city's right of way; a plan to preserve heritage trees; a management and rehabilitation program for Hosp Grove; educational materials; and an operation and emergency plan.

City staff members will present the plan to the City Council for consideration in late June. For information, call (760) 434-2980.



City of Carlsbad

Public Works

May 1, 2002

Eric Larson
1355 Forest Avenue
Carlsbad, CA 92008

RE: Community Forest Management Plan

Dear Eric:

On behalf of the City of Carlsbad, I am please to announce that the Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP) is now available for public comment. A copy of the CFMP is available at the City's Main Library, 1775 Dove Lane and at the Georgina Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. An electronic copy is also available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.carlsbad.ca.us/cserv/cfmp.html>.

As you know, this plan will set guidelines and procedures on how the City can plant, maintain, remove, replace and preserve public trees in the City's right of way. The plan also includes the Citizen Committee's accessory recommendations on issues that would enhance the tree policy such as:

- *A new and revised tree-planting list*
- *Updating the Uniform Street Tree Planting Map*
- *Removing trees that are not in the City's right of way*
- *Preserving heritage trees*
- *Replacing old age trees*
- *A Management and Rehabilitation Program for Hosp Grove*
- *A Street Tree Education Program*

The CFMP will be available for public comment from May 1 through May 31, 2002. On May 13th the plan will be presented to the City's Historic Preservation Commission and on May 20th the Parks and Recreation Commission will hear a presentation on the proposed plan. Both meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive at 5:30 p.m. In June 2002, the final CFMP will be presented to the City Council for approval and adoption. We plan on implementing the plan in July.

If you have any questions regarding the CFMP, please don't hesitate to contact me at 434-2862 or Scott Carroll, of my staff at 434-2992.

Sincerely,


DOUG DUNCANSON
Public Works Manager/General Services





City of Carlsbad

Planning Department

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Address/Location: Citywide in the City of Carlsbad, County of San Diego, State of California

Project Description: Adoption of a Community Forest Management Plan for the planting, maintenance, removal, replacement, and preservation of public trees within the City.

The City of Carlsbad has conducted an environmental review of the above described project pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act and the Environmental Protection Ordinance of the City of Carlsbad. As a result of said review, the initial study (EIA Part 2) identified potentially significant effects on the environment, but (1) revisions in the project plans or proposals made by, or agreed to by, the applicant before the proposed negative declaration and initial study are released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effect on the environment would occur, and (2) there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the City that the project "as revised" may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is hereby issued for the subject project. Justification for this action is on file in the Planning Department.

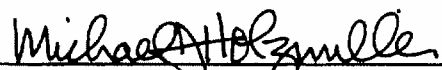
A copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration with supportive documents is on file in the Planning Department, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, California 92008. Comments from the public are invited. Please submit comments in writing to the Planning Department within 20 days of date of issuance. If you have any questions, please call Michael Grim in the Planning Department at (760) 602-4623.

DATED: OCTOBER 23, 2002

CASE NO: EIA 02-04

CASE NAME: COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

PUBLISH DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2002


MICHAEL J. HOLZMUELLER
Planning Director



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM - PART II

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT)

CASE NO: EIA 02-04
DATE: October 10, 2002

BACKGROUND

1. CASE NAME: Community Forest Management Plan
2. LEAD AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Carlsbad
3. CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE NUMBER: Michael Grim (760) 602-4623
4. PROJECT LOCATION: Throughout the City of Carlsbad, County of San Diego, State of California.
5. PROJECT SPONSOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Carlsbad Public Works Department, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA
6. GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: Various
7. ZONING: Various
8. OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES WHOSE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED (i.e., permits, financing approval or participation agreements): none
9. PROJECT DESCRIPTION/ ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING AND SURROUNDING LAND USES:

City-wide plan for the planting, maintenance, removal, replacement, and preservation of public trees. The plan also includes a community education program to encourage private property owners to maintain their trees in similar manner to the city-wide public tree program in order to address the entire urban forest system. The project covers the entire City, with the planting, maintenance, removal, replacement, and preservation activities being confined to those trees within the Street Tree Assessment District public right-of-way.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

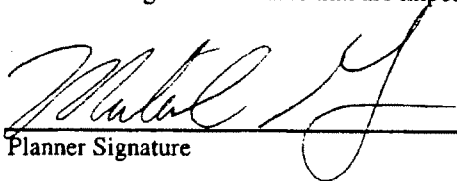
The summary of environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact," or "Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigation Incorporated" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards/Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Population and Housing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Circulation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities & Service Systems |

DETERMINATION.

(To be completed by the Lead Agency)

- ☐ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☒ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on an attached sheet have been added to the project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have "potentially significant impact(s)" on the environment, but at least one potentially significant impact 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. A Negative Declaration is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there WILL NOT be a significant effect in this case because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project. Therefore, nothing further is required.


Planner Signature

10-17-02
Date


Planning Director's Signature

10/18/02
Date